

REMARKS

Applicants were required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single invention from the groups of claims listed by the Examiner as being directed to different inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-8, 10-15, and 25-27, drawn to polynucleotides, vectors, host cells and methods of producing a polypeptide
Group II: Claims 9, 22, and 23, drawn to antisense nucleic acids
Group III: Claims 16-18, drawn to polypeptides
Group IV: Claims 19 and 20, drawn to methods of identifying agonists and antagonists
Group V: Claim 21, drawn to antibodies
Group VI: Claim 24, drawn to transgenic animals
Group VII: Claims 28-33, drawn to agonists and antagonists of a VNO receptor,
Group VIII: Claims 34-37, drawn to methods of identifying a polynucleotide
Group IX: Claims 38-42, drawn to methods of gene therapy

Accordingly, Applicants elect with traverse:

Group I Claims 1-8, 10-15, and 25-27, drawn to polynucleotides, vectors, host cells and methods of producing a polypeptide

Applicants are further required by the Examiner to elect a species. Applicants hereby elect with traverse the species:

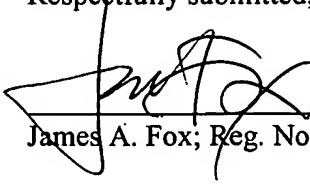
the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 which encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 3

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement and the election of species requirement for at least the reason that the subject matter of the claims is related and thus that a search of the subject matter of all claims would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641, referencing attorney's docket no. 18136-1050 C1.

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